1991-92, the year of crisis, the real wages of agricultural labour fell, but thereafter even after correcting higher inflation, the real wages of agricultural labour have gone up.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Sir, I very much dispute the figures with regard to poverty. It is a fact that the Planning Commission constituted an Expert Group in September, 1989 to look into the methodology for estimation of poverty level at national and State level and also to go into the procedure for determining poverty?

This Group submitted its report in 1993. Would you kindly place the report of that Group on the Table of the House? According to that Group, the poverty figures have not gone down...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: Sir, this is a question which should be addressed to the Planning Commission, but I would like to mention that there are several ways in which you can measure poverty. We have adopted a consistent methodology in the Sixth Five Year Plan, Seventh Five Year Plan and in the Eighth Five Year Plan. You cannot change the methodology in between and then...*(Interruptions)*...

That report is already available in the Planning Commission. Anybody who wants to see it, can see it...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Sir, they are misleading the House on poverty...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Committee for Standard qualities of Textiles

*165. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted any committee to ensure standard qualities of textiles for internal marketing export purposes and for manufacture and use of standard type of textile machinery in the country; if so, the composition thereof;

(b) whether this committee will strengthen India not only to participate in global competition but also to offer consultancy on implementation of the ISO-9000 quality systems; and

(c) what steps government have recently initiated to boost exports in the textile sector during 1996-97 as compared to the last two years indicating the export target set by the turn of the century in US billion dollars?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Textiles Committee is an existing statutory body set up under the Textiles Committee Act, 1963 for ensuring quality of textiles and textile machinery manufactured indigenously, specially for exports. The Committee consists of a Chairman, appointed by Government; a Vice-Chairman who is Textile Commissioner, ex-officio; and others members comprising senior Government officials and prominent persons who have special knowledge or practical experience in matters relating to textiles industry and the manufacture of textile machinery. The Chairman and non-offical members, who are not ex-officio, are appointed every year by the Government.

(b) The Textiles Committee is actively propagating and popularising ISO 9000 Quality System Standards by means of organising awareness programmes, sponsoring man-power training, offering consultancy services etc. At present, Textiles Committee is offering consultancy services to 26 textile units in the spinning, weaving, wet-processing, ready-made garment and made-up sectors. One unit has already been awarded ISO 9002 certificate.

(c) The export targets are fixed on a year to year basis. No specific export targets have been fixed for being acheived by the turn of the century. Government have been taking a number of steps to increase our textile exports which include encouraging exporters to participate in buyerseller mets, fairs and exhibitions; enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production; special arrangement for duty-free import of raw materials for export production; ensuring increased availability of export credit etc.

Appointment of Banking Ombudsman

*166. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Banking Ombudsmen appointed so far in the country; and

(b) the number of complaints/issues settled/resolved by each till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEVIPROSAD PAL): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have so far appointed Banking Ombudsmen at eight centres in the country.

(b) According to RBI, the number of complaints/issues settled/resolved by each of the Ombudsmen (as on 31.12.95) are as under:—

Sl. No.	Centre	No. of complaints Recd.	No. of complaints not maintainable	No. of issues actually dealt with	No. of complaints settled	No. of complaints pending
1.	Bombay	378	227	151	107	44
2.	Bhopal	242	100	142	69	73
3.	New Delhi	279	136	143	107	36
4.	Bangalore	177	86	91	59	32
5.	Chandigarh	184	102	82	42	40
6.	Hyderabad	70	38	32	11	21
7.	Patna	16	5	11	1	10
8.	Jaipur*	—	—	—	—	—

*Office set up on 15.1.96

Agreement on Ad-Hoc Treasury Bills

*167. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agreement between Government and the Reserve Bank of India about the Ad-hoc Treasury Bills has been implemented;

(b) whether there were any deviations from the agreement during last year and if so, on how many occasions and to what extent; and